

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HAMEL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday September 14, 2021
7:00 PM at Village Hall
111 South Old US Rt 66, Hamel Illinois

The Hamel Board of Trustee meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Bloemker at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Village Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustee, Gorzny, Trustee Goebel, Trustee Otrembiak, Trustee Isringhausen, Trustee Recer, Trustee Behrhorst

PRESENT:

Mayor: Larry Bloemker
 Village Clerk: Debbie Belville
 Village Attorney: Phil Lading
 Village Engineer: Bob Massa

GUESTS:

Suzanne Lentz, Chris Johnson, Chris Haarmann, Nathan Hutson, Karen Luster, Julie Hart, Rolly Walker, John Poletti, Lynn Poletti, Tim Connell, Pam Connell, Troy Belville, also other members of the Hamel Fire Department along with EMS personal.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Regular monthly bills, Minutes from August 10 & 31, 2021 Board Meetings, and the monthly Treasurers Report. IEPA Water Tower Payment \$26,923.08, Patton & Company \$8,800.00, Moran Economic Development \$17,079.16.

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Trustee Behrhorst and second by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Behrhorst, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer, Gorzny, Goebel. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were some public comments and best wishes for Tim Connell, Retired Chief of Police which were addressed during the Mayors report.

MAYOR REPORT:

The Mayor started off by acknowledging the residents in the audience and thanked them for attending. He then spoke of the accomplishments of Tim Connell; Retired Chief Connell was the longest serving Police Chief in the history of Hamel. He helped to start the transition to a 24-hour Department, he is the only Chief that has had 2 fulltime Officers in addition to numerous parttime Officers. He worked with Madison County Sheriff Department as well to maintain a good working relationship between the Hamel PD and Sheriff's Office. Chief was recognized by resident Suzanne Lentz, thanking him for his dedication and hard work and presented him with flowers. Chief was also

instrumental in starting and maintaining the Community Camera Program. Fire Chief Chris Johnson with the Hamel Fire Department thanked Chief Connell for the good working relationship between the Police Department and the Fire/EMS Department here in Hamel.

After some words of praise and well wishes from the audience and co-workers Chief Tim Connell was presented with an award from the Village, thanking him for his years of service and best wishes to him. There was a standing round of applause. He will be greatly missed in the Department and even more so throughout the Village and by its residents.

Retired Chief Connell thanked all in attendance after reading the inscription on the plaque. He expressed his gratitude and said he still will continue to feel that Hamel is another home for him.

POLICE REPORT:

Retired Chief Tim Connell gave his final report for the Police Department. Total of 5 case reports generated for the month; deceptive practice, aggravated fleeing, and eluding, assist other agency, felony warrant arrest for driving revoked and 2 misdemeanor warrant arrests for driving revoked. Total traffic stops were 22, with 21 citations issued and 20 warnings given. Traffic stops were up this month due to the STEP GRANT campaign that was executed, there was a total of 8 hours used on the Grant. All training is up to date.

Officer Mickey Jader was hired as a full-time Officer. Chief Tim Connell retired on August 31, 2021. Officer Noh Mizell resigned this month, he is now working for a police department in Indiana. Chief Connell again stated he is willing to help Officer Ahlmeyer and Officer Jader if need be, while the search for a new Chief is ongoing. He wished everyone well and thanked the Village.

PARK REPORT:

All the fencing, striping, resurfacing, and new hoops are completed at the basketball courts. It has been used on numerous occasions, even before the new hoops were installed. Don worked on drainage near the tennis courts. After the last storm and the unprecedented amount of rain, the culvert collapsed near 140. Don did dirt work and reworked the drainage area, IDOT was aware of the Village fixing this and they were fine with that. Don will be putting grass seed down as well in the areas that he fixed.

The roof replacement cost for all the pavilions includes fascia, ridge caps and enclosure of the ends will be \$14,090.00. This includes the 3 small pavilions and the 2 large pavilions.

The work at the dog park is continuing, the benches and trash receptacles are still needed, there is an 8 month wait for these. There is no grass currently planted at the dog park due to weather/time of year. We will try to get something going for fall time growth. Signage needs to be completed as well. Bob Massa said he is available to come out and check the dog park if needed.

Don did have to make a steel plate to be placed in the small dog area near the gates, there was a 6-inch gap that needed to be closed so dogs could not get out or in. The ground slope and hills came into play with the fencing and played a part in the gap area near the gates. Don advised this plate that installed will work fine.

Trustee Goebel made a motion to approve building improvements combined for the park pavilion roofs (\$14,090.00), Village Hall Roof (\$10,220.00), garage doors (\$6,506.00), Hall gutters, fascia (\$5,685.00), not to exceed \$37,000.00. Second by Trustee Gorzny. Roll call: Recer, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER REPORT:

Illinois American will be ending their free chlorine flush on 9-14-21, this was a 3 weeklong process. All the levels will be back to normal after the 14th. There were 3 taps this month.

Bob Massa is continuing the work on the water main extension that will be put in headed out of the Village South on 157. He should have preliminary plans this week.

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SEWER REPORT:

Work is continuing with the infiltration issues. The sewer main cleaning and camera work is being done, a chemical had to be bought that breaks up and dissolves mud. The chemical had to be used prior to sending in the cameras.

A new item has come out that injects a grouting system around the voids in the manholes. This will fill the voids on the outside of the manholes instead of inside. There are 10 manholes at this point that need to be addressed. The cost is \$1,500.00 per manhole. Public Works has always raised numerous manholes throughout the Village.

STREETS/STORM WATER REPORT:

Drainage and ditches will be addressed hopefully this fall. The new bed for the dump truck should be in by the end of the month. There has been some spot chipping done on road within the Village. This will be help with some of the oil bleeding areas.

TOURISM:

The Mayor will be going to Springfield this week and looking into some tourism grants based on COVID money.

ORDINANCE:

Working on rules, regulations, and policies for the dog park. Should have by next month.

FINANCE:

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to approve **Ordinance 21-015; AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMEL, ILLINOIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** made by Trustee Goebel, second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve **Ordinance 21-016; AN ORDINANCE AMDNEDING ORDINANCE 19-11; ESTABLISHING THE HAMEL BUSINESS DISTRICT II; APPROVING A BUSINESS DISTRICT PLAN; AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF SALES TAX WITHIN SUCH BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISMENT OF SUCH BUSINESS DISTRICT** made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Behrhorst. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve **Resolution 21-21; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPAYMENT OF LOAN PROCEEDS RELATED TO A PARK & RECREATION LOAN WITH MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Recer, Isringhausen, Otrembiak, Gorzny, Goebel, Behrhorst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve **Resolution 21-22; A RESOLUTUION ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FROM KARROB, LLC** made by Trustee Goebel and second by Trustee Otrembiak. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Goebel made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:36 pm, second by Trustee Recer. Roll call: Behrhorst, Goebel, Gorzny, Otrembiak, Isringhausen, Recer. All ayes. Moton carried.

Out of Executive Session at 7:53 pm.

Motion made by Trustee Gorzny to adjourn at 7:55 pm, all ayes. Time out 7:56 pm

Approved at the Village of Hamel Board Meeting, October 12, 2021.



Debbie Belville
Village Clerk



Larry Bloemker
Village President/Mayor